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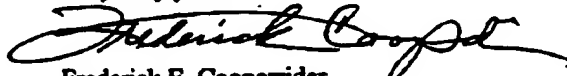
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/731,773
Attorney Docket No. MA-456-US
Our Reference: MAT.008

Dear Examiner Perez Daple:

Attached for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on
May 4, 2005, which should place the above-referenced Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


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